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| SEIJI HASHIMOTO | : | Examiner: Rashawn N. Tillery | |
| Application No.: 09/368,496 | ; ; | Group Art Unit: 2612 | RECEIVED |
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| For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS | ; | September 25, 2003 | Technology Center 2600 |
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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 9.

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